

POST HALLOWEEN PUMPKIN USES

Compost: Cut up your pumpkins into smaller pieces and place them in your compost pile for next year's garden.

Bird Feeder: Turn your old jack o'lantern into a bird planter. Cut out a large window on the front of your pumpkin and two small holes on the sides. Then string some sturdy twine or rope on the side holes and hang. Throw some bird seed inside and the birds will thank you!

Planter: Fill the empty pumpkin with soil and plant mums in it for a festive Thanksgiving decoration. The pumpkin can then be planted directly into the ground to decompose for fertilizer next year. Spring bulbs or cool-season vegetables are also great ideas!

Wildlife: Depending on where you live, an old pumpkin could be a snack for a local wildlife. Old jack-o-lanterns are perfect food for deer and other wildlife, and any pumpkin seeds you don't want to toast up for yourself will make a yummy treat for birds.

Face Mask: Pumpkins are rich in vitamins A, C, and E as well as zinc. To make a facemask from your old jack o'lantern, start with about five teaspoons of pumpkin purée, three teaspoons of brown sugar, and a splash of milk. Mix it all together, and apply to your face in circular motions, avoiding the eye area. Leave on for 20 minutes and rinse.

Food: Your leftover pumpkin can be used in a variety of ways to cook with as well - from desserts to soups!